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Re: Collection of Sediment Samples from Duwamish River Submerged Lands

To Whom It May Concern:

Beginning on or about September 15, 1997, and continuing through approximately November 7, 1997, researchers from the Northwest Fisheries Science Center of the National Marine Fisheries Service will be conducting an investigation of the presence and extent of hazardous substance contamination in sediments of the Duwamish River. You are receiving this notice because you are the owner, operator or lessee of upland property adjacent to submerged lands from which one or more of the sediment samples may be taken, and consequently you may be the owner, operator or lessee of those submerged lands.

This study is being conducted on behalf of natural resource trustee agencies and tribes (including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Washington State Department of Ecology, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and the Suquamish Tribe) under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9601, et seq. (CERCLA). This letter will serve as your receipt for the sediment samples collected.

In accordance with section 104(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604 (e), the owner, operator or lessee of the submerged lands from which the samples are taken is entitled to request a portion of the samples taken. If you wish to obtain a portion of the samples taken within the area for which you may be the owner, operator or lessee, you must notify our contractor by no later than Noon, Friday, September 12, 1997 (notification should be made to Marcia Bender, EcoChem, Inc. at 206/233-9332, fax 206/233-0114). Parties timely requesting split samples will receive notification when those samples are available to be collected.

In addition, we will furnish, upon request, a copy of the results of that portion of the analysis of the sediments taken from the area for which you may be the owner, operator or lessee.







If you have any questions or comments relating to this procedure you should contact me at the above number or Robert J. Wolotira at 526-4360.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Taylor

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